



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

September 25, 2002

Mr. James B. Gulliford
Regional Administrator:
U.S. EPA Region VII
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

RE: Request to Parallel Processes the Proposed Redesignation Demonstration and Maintenance Plan for the Missouri Portion of the St. Louis Nonattainment area

Dear Mr. Gulliford:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VII to parallel process the enclosed proposed redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan for the Missouri portion of the St. Louis Metropolitan Nonattainment Area. Over the last several months we have worked closely with your staff, with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and EPA Region V to develop this maintenance plan. I understand that IEPA is requesting a similar process from EPA Region V for the eastern portion of the St. Louis nonattainment area.

Missouri followed the EPA published guidance entitled "Procedures for Processing Requests to Redesignate Areas to Attainment" in preparing the proposed maintenance plan. Accordingly, the inclosed plan demonstrates that the St. Louis nonattainment area meets all the redesignation requirements established under section 107 of the Clean Air Act.

The proposed maintenance plan is available for public review and will be publicly heard on October 24, 2002, at the Missouri Air Conservation Commission meeting in Kirksville, Missouri. The department has also scheduled another public hearing in St. Louis, Missouri on October 23, 2002. The adoption for the maintenance plan is scheduled on December 5, 2002. Following the adoption, the final plan will be

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submitted to EPA Region VII. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jim Kavanaugh at P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or by phone at (573) 751-4817. Thank you for the assistance you have provided us in preparing the proposed maintenance plan.

Sincerely,

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN

Original signed by Roger D. Randolph

Roger D. Randolph,
Director

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Enclosure

c: Mr. Josh Tapp, U.S. EPA Region VII